THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am now concerned about the overseers working in the Harijan Welfare Department. I said their services are taken into account in promoting them."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஸார், ஹரிஜன நல இலாகாவில் வேலை செய்யும் ஓவர்சீயர்களை தற்காலிகமான முறையில் வைத்துக்கொள்வதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? ஓவர்சீயர்களுக்கும் சூபர்வைசர்களுக்கும் உள்ள பேதங்கள் என்ன ? சம்பள விகிதத்தில் ஏதாவது வித்தியாசம் உண்டா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A supervisor is higher than a overseer. When a vacancy arises in the post of a Supervisor, promotion is made from overseers in deserving cases."

Second Language Test for Deputy Inspectors of Schools and School Assistants.

* 405 Q.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether Deputy Inspectors and School Assistants in Government service are required to pass a High Class Second Language Test; and

(b) whether the Government have considered the question of abolishing that requirement in view of the changed condition created by the separation of the Andhra State; and if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) This question is under consideration of the Government."

Irregularities in the Co-operative Marketing Society, Ariyalur.

* 406 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of complaints made to Government against the Directors of the Co-operative Marketing Society, Ariyalur, during 1950–54;

(b) the expenses incurred by the Government in taking action against the directors of the said society for various acts of misappropriation and fraud during 1950–54;

(c) whether all the persons concerned were prosecuted in a criminal court;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and if not, why; and

(e) why the several criminal acts on the part of the directors were not found out in time and who were responsible for not finding them out?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Two complaints, one, dated 15th August 1950 and another, dated 7th December 1950, were received by the Government.

" (*b*) No special expenditure was incurred on this account as the regular departmental staff attended to this work as part of their normal duties.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Yes, Sir. Three persons were discharged and two were convicted by the Additional First-class Magistrate, Tiruchirappalli. The two persons convicted were later acquitted on appeal by the Additional Sessions Judge, Tiruchirappalli.

" (*e*) A certain amount of time lag between the commission of a crime and its detection is inevitable. Departmental action was taken against an officer for not detecting and reporting the irregularities at an earlier stage."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" What is the nature of irregularity detected in this society? Did it involve falsification of accounts and misappropriation of the Society's funds? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Misappropriation, mis-use and maintenance of two sets of trip sheets for petrol lorry, mis-use of pleasure car and undue claims of travelling allowance."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" From the several complaints made against this department, is this House to infer that the officer who was at the head of this department was thoroughly lacking in his duties or was partial and showing favouritism to a great extent to the detriment of the various personnel in the department and the public? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not think there is justification for this sweeping indictment. All cases detected are enquired into and punishment is meted out."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what is the amount which has been misappropriated in these two cases and whether action has been taken to recover the amounts from the private funds of the persons who have misappropriated them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Two delinquents were arrested but on appeal they were acquitted."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" On a point of Order, Sir. The Hon. Minister has not answered my question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If the Minister gives a wrong answer, what can I do? "

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" You can give a ruling that the Hon. Minister should answer the question of hon. Members correctly."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" How can I? (Laughter.) I shall pass on to the next question, viz., question No. 407."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Misappropriation of 39 bags of millets, 31½ bags of milo . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have passed on to the next question. How can the Minister proceed answering." (Laughter.)

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I have also put my next question, Sir." (Laughter.)

Grant of house-rent allowance to Government employees occupying Government quarters.

* 407 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received by the Government from Government servants against the revised rules regarding the grant of house-rent allowance to Government employees occupying Government quarters; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take on the representation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes. A representation from the Todhunter Nagar Residents' Association and a few representations from individual Government servants were received by the Government.

" (*b*) The Government, after careful examination of the various requests contained in the representations, have decided that there is no reason to re-consider the orders already passed in the matter as no individual will pay more than 10 per cent of his emolument excluding the House Rent Allowance he receives."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" ஸார், நான் குறிப்பிட்டிருப்பது டாட்ஹண்டர் நகர் காலனியைப்பற்றி அல்ல. கவர்ன்மெண்ட் எஸ்டேட்டில் இருக்கக்கூடிய சர்க்கார் வீடுகளில் குடியிருக்கும் சர்க்கார் சிப்பந்திகளுக்கு வீட்டு வாடகை, சர்க்காரால் கொடுக்கப்படும் அலவன்ஸைவிட அதிகமாக வசூலிக்கப்படுகிறது. இது சம்பந்தமாக லெஜிஸ்லேசர் செக்ரடேரியட்டில் இருக்கக்கூடிய கீழ் தர சிப்பந்திகள்கூட காரியதரிசியிடம் முறையிட்டுக் கொண்டிருப்பதை ஒரு சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் நான் கவனித்துக் கொண்டிருந்தேன். இரண்டு மாதங்களுக்கு முன்னதாக போடப்பட்ட உத்திரவைப்பற்றிதான் நான் கேட்க விரும்பியிருப்பது. அதைப்பற்றி சர்க்காருக்கு முறையிடப் பட்டதா ? அதன்மீது என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question begins like this : ' Whether any representation has been received by Government from Government servants against the revised rules regarding the grant of . . .'

" Naturally we thought that it refers to the Government servants' quarters in Todhunter Nagar. We have revised those rules only recently. If the hon. Member were to say